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"If our religion is false, we ought to change it: if it is true, we ought to propagate it."

—*Archbishop Whately.*

SCHEDULE

1915		
November	16.	5-30 P.M. Wrestling Class, Terrace.
"	"	7-30 P.M. Army Branch, Lantern Lecture, Fort St. George.
"	17.	5-30 P.M. Boys' Branch, Character Study Class.
"	19.	Boys' Branch, Literary Union Meeting.
"	20.	2 P.M. Boys' Branch, Annual Sports.
"	21.	4 P.M. Men's Meeting, Life-work Series—"Teacher," By the Rev. W. Meston, M.A., B.D.
"	22.	Sub-Junior Bible Class.
"	23.	5-30 P.M. Wrestling Class, Terrace.
"	"	7-30 P.M. Army Branch, Cinema Show.
"	24.	Boys' Branch, Character Study Class.
"	25.	Do. Lantern Lecture on "Temperance," By Henry Devadoss Esq., B.A., L.T.
"	26.	Tournament in Indoor Games begins.
"	"	Boys' Branch, Literary Union Meeting.
"	28.	4 P.M. Men's Meeting, Life-work Series.
"	29.	Sub-Junior Bible Class.
"	30.	5-30 P.M. Wrestling Class, Terrace.
"	"	7-30 P.M. Army Branch, Lantern Lecture.

NOTES

At the suggestion of certain of our members we have got up letter-pads of 50 sheets each with a few printed heads such as the names of the Patron, President, and the General Secretary and also the Telegraphic Address and Telephone Number of the Association. We believe our members would like to use these sheets for their correspondence. They are available for sale at the office.

If any of the members are desirous of studying French or Hindustani, they have only to enrol themselves in the Y. M. C. A. classes by paying a fee of Rs. 3 for French and Rs. 2 for Hindustani for a period of six months.

We welcome heartily to our Association Mr. D. F. McClelland with whom Mr. A. Aaron will be associated in the Student Department. Mr. McClelland was formerly Travelling Secretary of the Student Movement in North America and comes to the Madras work with valuable experience behind him. Our student members are sure to find in him a jolly companion.

We were glad to have with us Mr. S. Manuel, formerly Boys' Secretary in Madras, on the 1st and 2nd instant. Many of the boys were delighted to have him in their midst and to know his continued interest in their welfare.

The Hostel residents had the pleasure of having Messrs. J. H. Fowler and J. Adams at their evening prayers. Mr. Fowler is Private Secretary to Mr. Eddy and Mr. Adams has come down from England, and is on his way to Godavari to take up Missionary's work among the Telugus.

The Indoor Games Tournament in Billiards, Ping-pong, Chess, Draughts, Ring-Board, Bean-bags, and Word-building will commence on Friday, the 26th instant. Medals and Prizes will be awarded to winners. The competition is open only to the Senior Members of the Association. Entry Fees and other particulars are notified in the bulletin Board.

We take this opportunity to thank Messrs. K. Kurien, E. Gideon, K. Kuruvilla for the help they rendered us during the absence at Bangalore of many of the Secretaries in connection with the South India Y. M. C. A. Conference.

THE SOUTH INDIA Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

This Conference was held in Bangalore during the last three days of October and was attended by over 100 delegates from the various branches of the Association in South India, viz., Rural, City, Army, and Student. The Conference was in every way a success. The central idea was the clear understanding of the Association's task and programme in South India. The list of those who were an inspiration at the Conference includes such well-known names as Dr. T. R. Glover of Cambridge, and Messrs. G. S. Eddy, J. N. Farquhar, K. T. Paul, E. C. Carter, and B. C. Sircar. The address of Dr. Glover and Mr. Eddy made deep impressions while the periods given over to discussion of Association problems and methods were full of suggestions for constructive work. Probably the papers of the two Madras Secretaries—Messrs. Herman and Worman—were as much appreciated as any given at the Conference. Mr. Herman spoke on "How the Association can best serve the needs of the educated Indian community." Mr. Worman's paper was on "The Association's relationship to the Indian Church." Madras delegates were proud of their representatives on the programme.

The last meeting of the Conference took the nature of a farewell service to the Secretaries—Messrs. Webster, Fazl, and Newell—who are sailing to serve the British troops in East Africa.

The Secretaries from Madras who were present at the Conference were V. Benjamin, H. C. Herman, A. Aaron, E. C. Worman, T. Sitther, R. Williams, W. H. Heinrichs, J. R. Isaac, and A. A. Paul. The following Delegates represented the Madras Association at the Conference: Messrs. T. N. Jacob, P. J. Varughis, R. Vedabothagam, G. T. Barnes, H. M. Clay, T. Purushotham, S. J. Augustus, J. E. Froelich and W. H. Hudson.

TEMPERANCE EXHIBIT

The Graduates' Club of the Y. M. C. A. has been assigned, by His Excellency the Governor of Madras, complete charge of the Temperance section of the Health Exhibit which the Government is to put on in December of this year during the Christmas holidays. This confidence of His Excellency in the Graduates' Club was held by the members as welcome news and they set about to work immediately and appointed a committee to direct the affair. Messrs. J. E. Froelich, P. V. Marthandam, Ramchandar, A. V. Moses, A. Jaganathan, P. E. Devadasen, and W. H. Heinrichs were appointed on the Committee. Delegates were asked to attend a general meeting from all of the Temperance organizations in the city and two from each one came in addition to representatives from the Madras Social Service League. A splendid showing was made at the first meeting and the work was assumed enthusiastically. The general programme of activities for the Exhibit as outlined by the Graduates' Club was adopted by the general meeting and work assigned. At the last meeting a very generous response was made to the call for volunteers to assume definite tasks. Many helpful suggestions were made by M. R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur T. Vijaya Ragavachariar Avergal, of the Corporation of Madras, who shows much interest in all forms of scoial service in Madras. Already the Club has secured the co-operation of Major Miller (I. M. S.) and the counsel of Surgeon-General Bannerman.

MEN'S MEETING

On Sunday, the 31st October, Mr. E. S. Dunhill, B.A., one of the members of the Board of Directors, gave a talk on "WARFARE." The preliminary part of the meeting was conducted by Mr. K. Kurien.

On the following Sunday the Rev. J. S. M. Hooper, M.A., spoke on "Personal Work." He pointed out that it is the instinct of healthy Christian life to express itself in service and showed how every layman was specially capable to do this unselfish form of service. After giving a few hints on right methods of doing the work he emphasized the value of right

living and the recognition of the supreme value of every human personality. He closed his valuable and most practical talk by remarking how very important it is for one engaged in personal work to be imbued with a spirit of love for men and with a spirit of true intercessory prayer.

Mr. John Krishnasami was in charge of the programme of the meeting. After offering a prayer he read the last few verses from the first chapter of St. John which contains some classic instances of personal work. Mr. J. E. Froelich gave us a solo entitled "Are you lonely ?" and the Y. M. C. A. choir sang the piece "It is well."

On the following Sundays a series of addresses on "Life-work" will be delivered by helpful speakers. The series will include addresses on such forms of life-work as Teaching, Medicine, Ministry, Law, and Y. M. C. A. Secretaryship.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS MEET

The Sports Committee in charge of the Athletic Contest to be held at the Peoples' Park Fair during Christmas week has kindly invited the members of all Y. M. C. A's in South India to compete along with College representatives on Thursday, the 30th December. Any member of the Y. M. C. A. is entitled to compete under its emblem. It is planned to invite members of the mofussil Associations to compete along with our members in a preliminary meet the day previous to the regular meet to enable only the best athletes to enter the final test. Particulars will be given later, but it is hoped that our members will begin vigorous training at once. Until our Physical Director arrives, Mr. Heinrichs has kindly consented to train all who will turn out. The Bangalore Basket Ball Club has challenged our team to an exhibition match at the S.I.A.A. on the day of the meet. If the basket ballers will turn out and work hard, the challenge will be accepted.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

A meeting was held in the Auditorium on the 29th October when Professor Ramalinga Reddy of Maharaja's College, Mysore, delivered a very instructive lecture on "The Educational needs of India." He said that he was very glad to be connected with the Y.M.C.A. because it was an institution of world-wide importance and of great educational usefulness under the efficient management of American workers. He thanked the Madras Y.M.C.A. for giving him an opportunity to address a large gathering of students and paid great tribute to the work it was rendering to the city. He pointed out that a good deal of educational work such as instruction in Technical subjects which are a part of the function of a University in foreign countries was being done by the Y. M .C. A. in Madras.

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He reviewed the system of education followed in the Universities of America, Canada, Japan, and some of the most recent English Universities. He advocated strongly that the system of education in university must be a study of the realities of life and not the study of humanities as is unfortunately the case in Indian Universities. Among other educational needs of India he pleaded for instruction in technical subjects and of making the vernaculars the medium of instruction. In the course of his lecture the Professor put in a word of criticism against the unhealthy tendency of Indian students to enter the Government service and the profession of law. He recommended that young men should engage themselves in spreading University education among the people in the country if true national unity and progress is to be achieved.

The venerable Chairman of the evening, Sir S. Subramaniya Iyer, characterised Professor Reddy's lecture as being marked by ability, candor, and information. The audience having cheered the Professor and Dr. Subramania Iyer, the meeting came to a close.

BOYS' BRANCH

The Literary Union of this branch has been quite active recently. The essays written by Messrs. P. Selvarajan and B. Ramudu on "The evils of Tobacco" and "India in the near future" were quite good. Many of the members took part in tbe debates on such popular subjects as the "Town and country life or" "Lawyer and Doctor." It is a healthy sign to see youngsters of 8 or 9 years old standing up before their fellows just to say "I don't know what to say; but I like the Town life or the Doctor." Mr. S. Manuel in his talk on "The Village Boys" gave some practical suggestions as to how the city boys could help the unfortunate boys in the rural districts. Mr. D. F. McClelland, the new Student Secretary, gave a very spirited talk on the Four P's in the Pod—namely Preparation, Purity, Perseverance, and Pep (enthusiasm). Many of the members expressed their delight in hearing such a lively address and are looking forward anxiously to another lecture promised by him.

The Indoor Games Competition has commenced. There are 12 entries for Ping-pong, 11 for Crockinhole, and 23 for Draughts. A similar competition is going on in the Royapettah Branch and the winners in the two branches will play the finals. The prizes will be awarded on the Anniversary day during the first week in December.

The annual sports of the Boys' Branch will be conducted in the Y.M.C.A. Athletic field on the 20th November beginning from 2. P.M. This year some new and interesting items have been added to the general programme A hearty welcome is extended to all the senior members and friends of the Association. We assure them a very pleasant evening.

ROYAPETTAH BRANCH

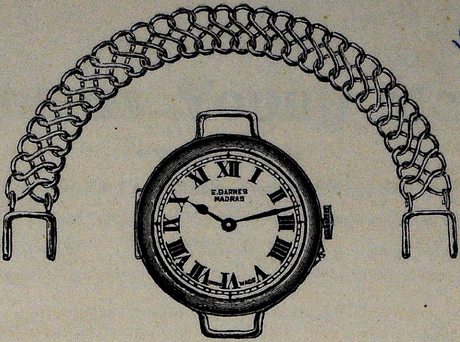
On the 30th October the members of this branch enjoyed a concert arranged by Mr. M. Nather. Canon Goldsmith, a member of the Board of Directors, presided. There was a number of interesting items including comic recitations, songs, and instrumental solos. Among those who contributed may be mentioned Masters Oosman S. Davood, M. Hameed, T. Rathnavelu, P. D. Pushanam, W. Zacheus, D. V. Raja, A. Danapauloo, M. N. Ramanathan, C. Albert, and the younger Gnanamuthus. The Chairman in his speech congratulated the members on the variety of the programme.

The literary society of this branch which was recently organised is progressing steadily. On the 13th October a Magic Lantern Lecture was given by Mr. Henry Devadoss, B.A., L.T., on "The Stages of Air-craft." One of the many interesting slides thrown on the screen showed a fight between an Aeroplane and a Zeppelin. During the following week, the members enjoyed a Cinema Exhibition. The films were educative as well as interesting. On the 29th October the Rev. C. Kingsley Williams, spoke on "Life in an English Public School."

ARMY BRANCH

The Army Branch has secured, through the hearty co-operation of the Officers of the 2/5 Hampshire Regiment, the assignment of Tuesday evening as the regular night for the Association to put on a show at the Barracks for the men. Three weeks ago a lantern lecture on the Catacombs of Rome was given and although the slides were not very well adapted to such a lecture a large crowd turned out. Last Tuesday evening a splendid lecture was given to the men on a trip through England by the Holiday Line on the Great Western Railway. As most of the scenes were familiar to the men it seemed almost like a run home for them. They expressed hearty appreciation. Another much appreciated work of the Army Branch is the distribution in the Barracks and Hospital at Fort St. George of the English papers, magazines, and periodicals, as soon as they arrive. The men seem to really enjoy this feature of service of the Branch.

Captain Crosson of the 2/5 Hampshires has given the Secretary of the Army Branch permission to take the men out to tea even though the places may be out of bounds in groups of four or five, as they may be asked by the citizens of Madras. No finer opportunity could be given the Association for bringing the community in close touch with the Territorials and to help revive the monotony of the life of the men in the Barracks. The touch of home life is something that they greatly appreciate, and the privilege is not at all a one-sided one: for, the men of the 2/5 Hampshire Regiment are a fine lot of men to know.



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